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J. DEWOLFF
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HELLO?
JEAN? IT'S ME. WE NEED TO TALK.
COME ON UP.
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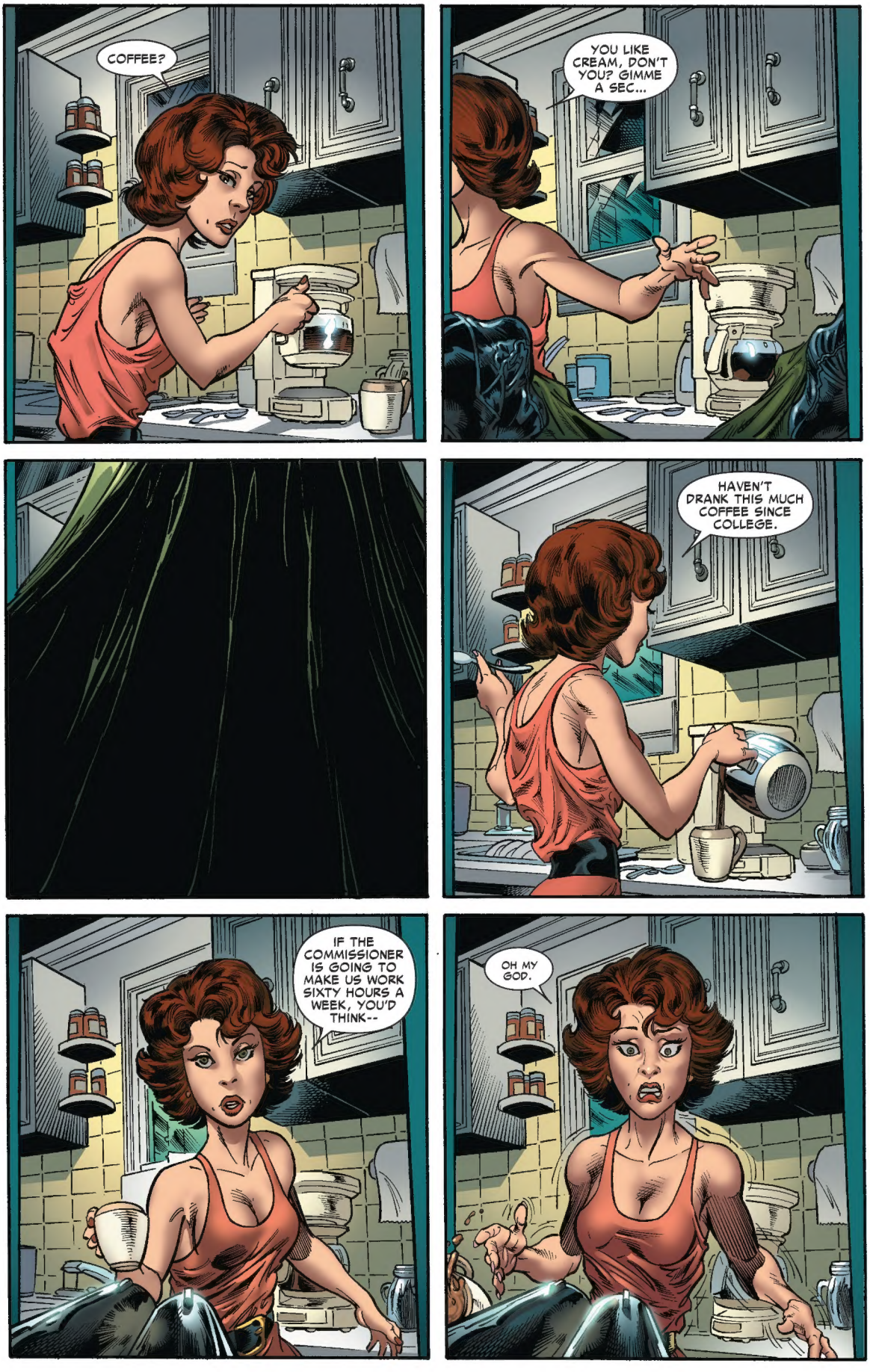
PLACE IS A MESS. CAN'T SAY I WAS EXPECTING GUESTS...BUT IF YOU DON'T COMPLAIN, I WON'T.


COFFEE?
YOU LIKE CREAM, DON'T YOU? GIMME A SEC...
HAVEN'T DRANK THIS MUCH COFFEE SINCE COLLEGE.
IF THE COMMISSIONER IS GOING TO MAKE US WORK SIXTY HOURS A WEEK, YOU'D THINK--
OH MY GOD.

VENOM:
DARK
ORIGIN
CHAPTER 2
BLAM!

OH, MY GOD...SHE WAS CAPTAIN OF THE POLICE FORCE? SHE WAS SO PRETTY...
YEAH, BABY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SUCH A GREAT STORY.
EDDIE!
YOU SHOULD SEE THE BULLPEN AT THE GLOBE... EVERYONE'S GOING CRAZY.
THAT'S HORRIBLE...
US REPORTERS HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THINGS DIFFERENTLY, ANN.
I GUESS...
HEY, I CAN'T FIND YOUR ARTICLE...DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS PAGE THREE?
SOMETIMES THINGS GET PUSHED OUT FOR SPACE...I'M GONNA GET ONE IN, ALL RIGHT?
EDDIE, I DIDN'T MEAN...
I'M LATE.
THERE'S OUR FAVORITE INTERN!
COFFEE'S OUT, BROCK! STEP TO IT!
EDDIE, I NEED YOU!

WHAT?
I'VE GOT TO PUT TOGETHER A LETTERS COLUMN BY THREE. SORT THROUGH THIS #@$% AND HAVE THE LEGIBLE ONES ON MY DESK IN AN HOUR.
THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?
YEAH...
I GUESS...
LAZY #$%@...
HELLO, I AM THE SIN-EATER. I JUST SHOT JEAN DEWULF.
I TOOK HER BADGE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE VOICES WANTED. I HOPE THE BLOOD HAS DRIED.
IF YOU WANT TO TALK, I WILL
CALL THE PAY-PHONE AT BROADWAY @ 12:00 ON THE 12th OF JUNE
MAYBE YOU CAN STOP ME
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HELLO?
IS THIS PAUL BARNUM?
N-NO... THIS IS EDDIE. EDDIE BROCK. I...
I'M A CRIME REPORTER FOR THE GLOBE. PAUL BARNUM IS ON MEDICAL LEAVE. IF YOU WANT YOUR STORY TOLD, YOU'LL HAVE TO TALK TO ME.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF--
YEAH, WELL I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU. LET'S START GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOU TELLING ME DEWOLFF'S BADGE NUMBER.
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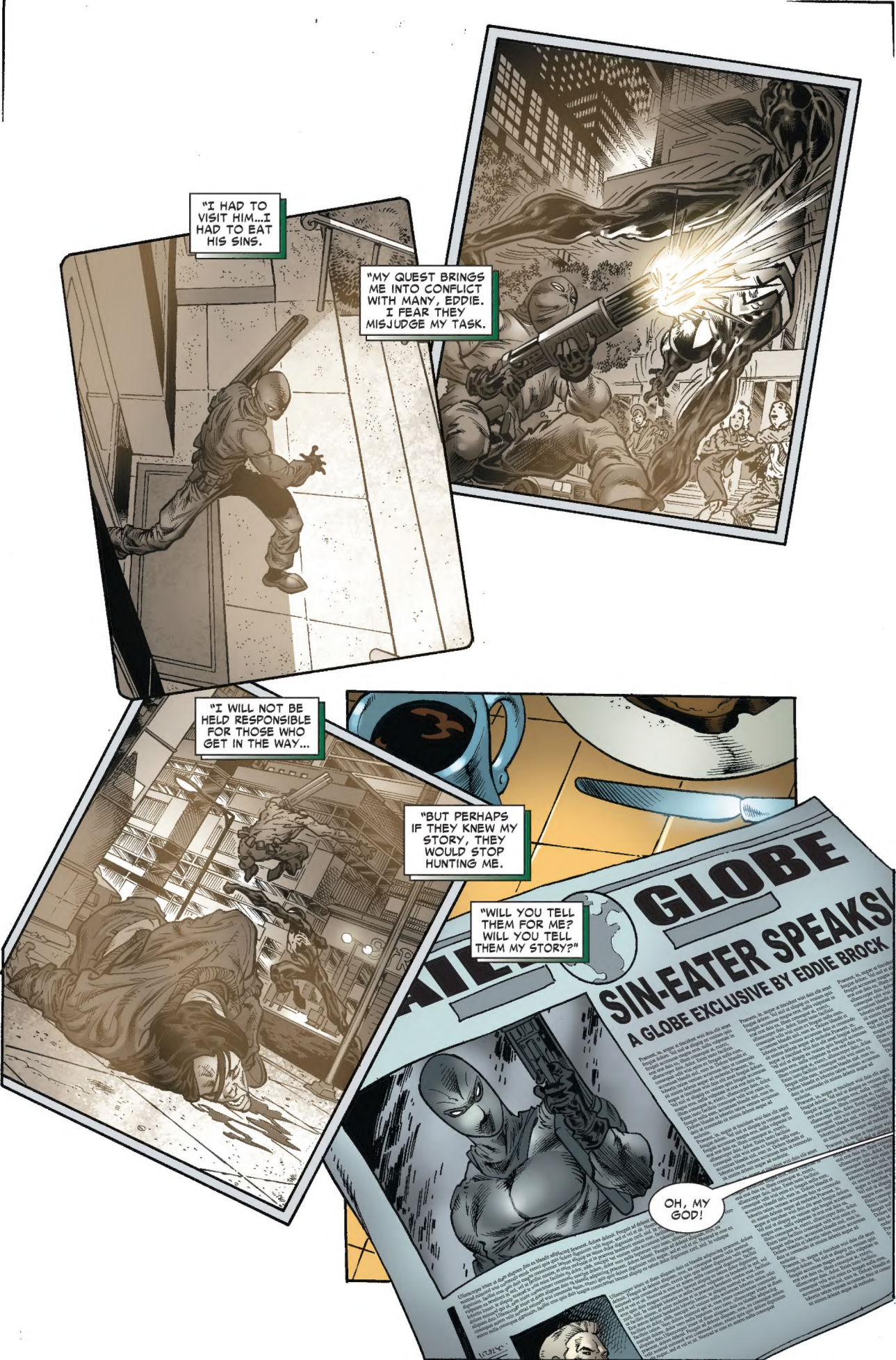
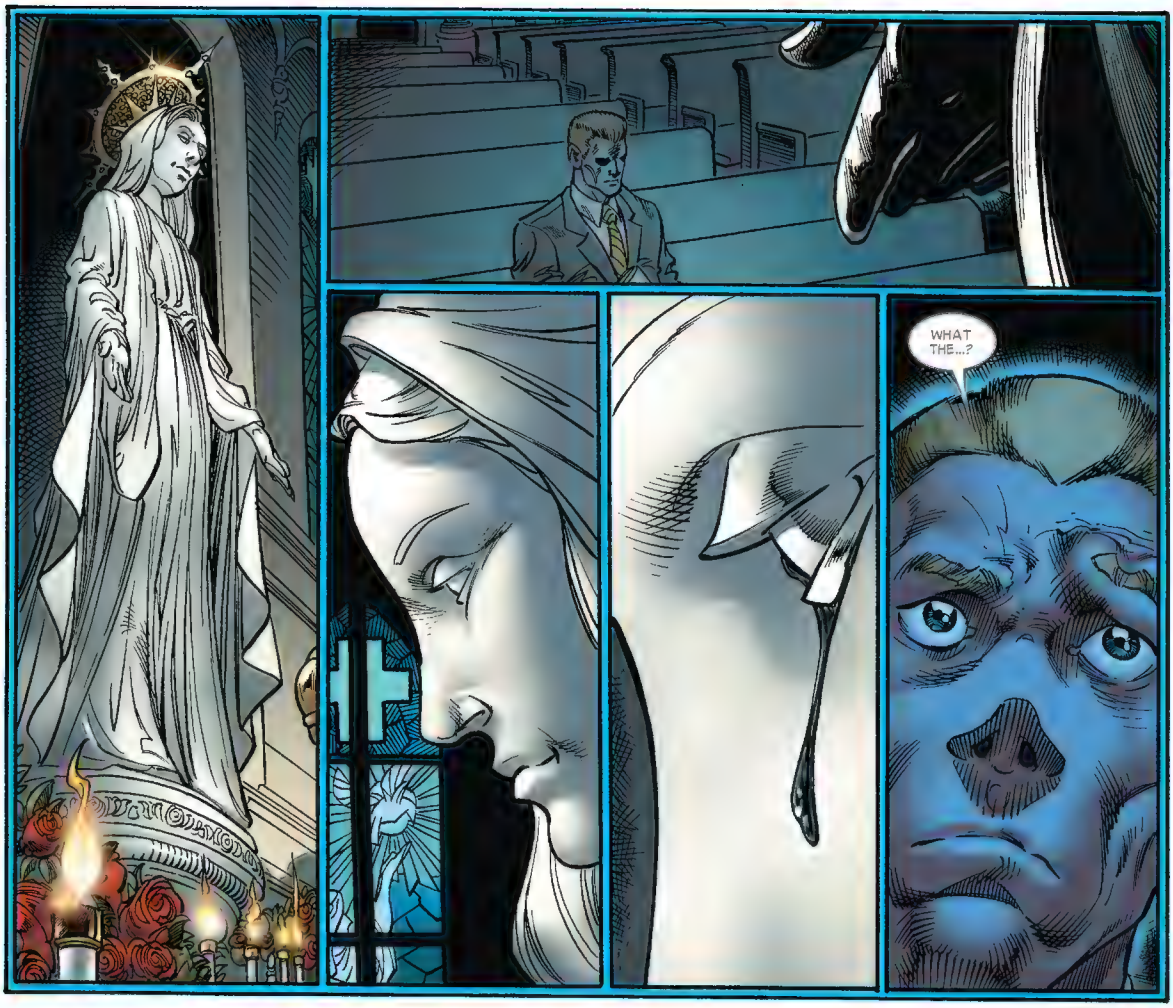
AND YOU GOT HER BADGE OFF HER...HER BODY?
I AM THE SIN-EATER. I TOOK HER BADGE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE VOICES WANTED.
WAS DEWOLFF YOUR FIRST KILL?
Y-YES... BUT I'M AFRAID THERE IS MUCH SIN IN THE WORLD.
I WORRY SHE MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST OF MANY.
WE'VE GOT A SERIAL KILLER, CHIEF. HE CALLS HIMSELF THE SIN-EATER.

JEAN DEWOLFF WAS THE FIRST, BUT THERE WILL BE MORE. THIS STORY'S GOING TO BE HUGE.
WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
HIS NAME IS EDDIE BROCK, JOE, AND HE'S OVERSTEPPING HIS BOUNDS.
PAUL WASN'T AT HIS DESK. I TOOK A CALL AND I GOT LUCKY.
THIS IS MY STORY!
HE'LL ONLY TALK TO ME. WHAT DOES IT MATTER, RIGHT? IT'LL STILL RUN IN THE GLOBE.
THIS IS SOME FAR-FETCHED STUFF.
HE KNEW DEWOLFF'S BADGE NUMBER.
NOT ENOUGH. I CAN'T RUN THIS...
MAYBE THE BUGLE CAN.
GIVE US A WEEK. IF YOUR BOY SHOWS HIMSELF AGAIN, I'LL GUARANTEE YOU A FRONT PAGE.
"I DID IT AGAIN, EDDIE.
"JUDGE ROSENTHAL WAS A FRIEND TO CRIMINALS...THE VOICES TOLD ME SO.


"I HAD TO VISIT HIM...I HAD TO EAT HIS SINS.
"MY QUEST BRINGS ME INTO CONFLICT WITH MANY, EDDIE. I FEAR THEY MISJUDGE MY TASK.
"I WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO GET IN THE WAY...
"BUT PERHAPS IF THEY KNEW MY STORY, THEY WOULD STOP HUNTING ME.
"WILL YOU TELL THEM FOR ME? WILL YOU TELL THEM MY STORY?"
GLOBE
SIN-EATER SPEAKS!
A GLOBE EXCLUSIVE BY EDDIE BROCK
OH, MY GOD!

THE FRONT PAGE?! YOU DID IT!
WHOA WHOA WHOA! WATCH THE SUIT, HONEY!
A FRONT-PAGE REPORTER HAS TO LOOK LIKE ONE.
INTERN! GET ME SOME COFFEE. AND CHECK ON THAT CHAIR I ORDERED.
HOW'S THE PSYCHOPATH BEAT, BROCK?
GOOD FOR CIRCULATION, PAUL.

THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU, MR. BROCK.
THANKS, LUCY. PUT IT THROUGH.
HELLO, EDDIE. I SAW THE STORY. IT WAS VERY SENSITIVE TO MY PLIGHT.
AS DO I.
WELL, I STILL DON'T THINK THEY "GET IT," YOU KNOW? I THINK WE NEED TO TALK SOME MORE.
MEET ME TONIGHT AT THE CHURCH ON BROADWAY AND ELEVENTH.
I...I'D PREFER TO DO THIS OVER THE PHONE.
I MUST TRUST YOU, EDDIE. IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP OUR CONVERSATION OPEN...
YOU GUYS READING BROCK'S COPY?
"SIN-EATER'S FIENDISH FEAST UNFURLS"? THIS IS THE GLOBE, NOT THE WEEKLY WORLD NEWS.
HE BETTER HOPE THIS GUY NEVER GOES AWAY!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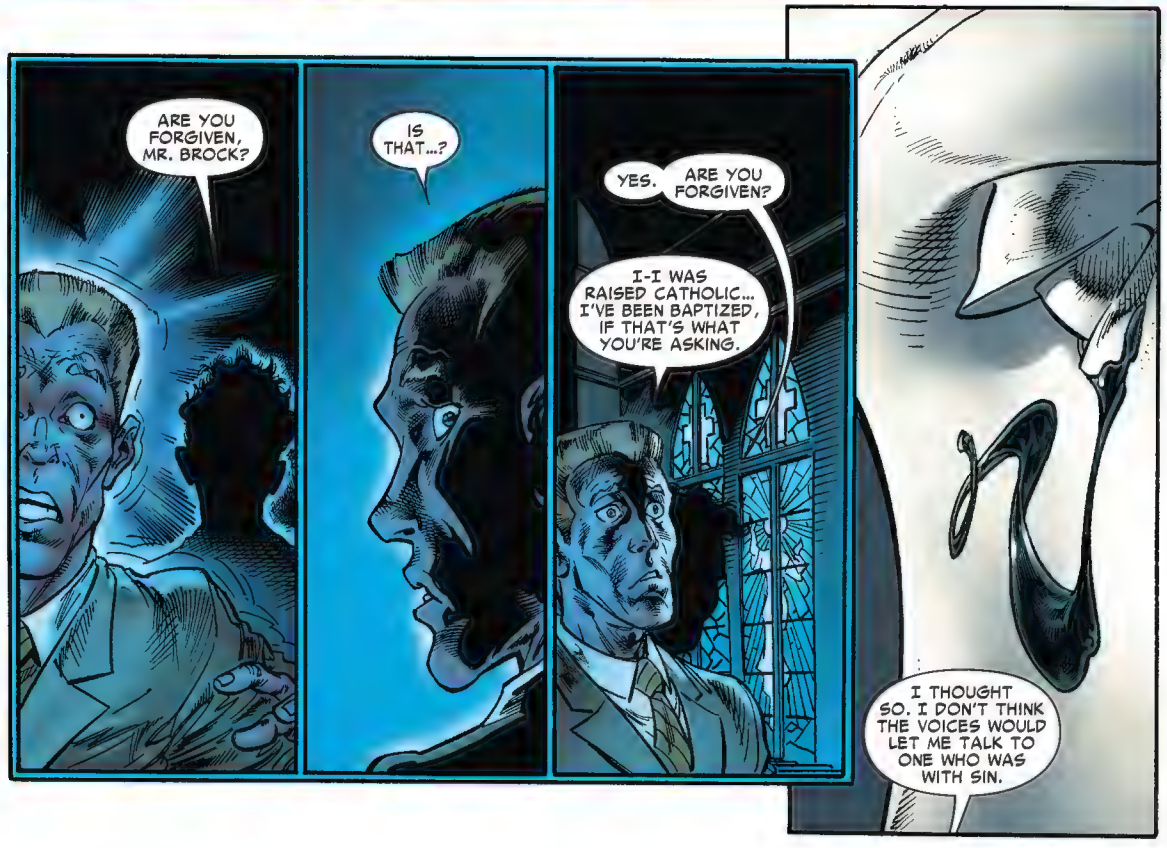

ARE YOU FORGIVEN, MR. BROCK?
IS THAT...?
YES.
ARE YOU FORGIVEN?
I-I WAS RAISED CATHOLIC... I'VE BEEN BAPTIZED, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING.
I THOUGHT SO. I DON'T THINK THE VOICES WOULD LET ME TALK TO ONE WHO WAS WITH SIN.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, MR. BROCK?
Y-YES. OF COURSE.
THE VOICES HAUNT ME...SMOTHER ME IN MY SLEEP...
...I NEED YOUR HELP, MR. BROCK.
W-WHAT DO YOU NEED?
I WISH TO BE FREE OF MY AFFLICTION...
...I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE. BUT THE VOICES TELL ME WHO TO KILL AND A FEW DAYS LATER THEY ARE DEAD.
THE VOICES, LATELY, HAVE BEEN TALKING VERY MUCH ABOUT THIS CHURCH. ABOUT A REVEREND FINN.
I'VE TESTED YOU. I TRUST YOU WILL SEE THAT WHEN THE SIN-EATER CONSUMES ME, I WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH COMPASSION.
I...I AM A SICK MAN. I NEED TO BE STOPPED.
WAIT! PLEASE, I NEED TO KNOW...
I NEED TO KNOW YOUR NAME.
EMIL. EMIL GREGG.
TH-THANK YOU.

KILLER
EXCLUSIVE STORY BY EDDIE BROCK
I CAN'T COME HOME, OKAY?! I'M WAITING FOR A STORY TO BREAK!
YEAH, IT'S SIN-EATER STUFF, ANN. IT'S WHAT'S PUTTING FOOD ON OUR TABLE...
BROCK! GET IN HERE!
I'VE GOT TO GO.
LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE STUNNED AT THE VIOLENT DEATH OF REVEREND BERNARD FINN, APPARENTLY AT THE HANDS OF THE MASKED MURDERER NAMED SIN-EATER.
THE REVEREND WAS KNOWN FOR HIS PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS, AND HIS OUTSPOKENNESS ON PRISON REFORM.
OKAY, WE'VE GOT A THIRD VICTIM AND CHANNEL 12 HAS A FULL DAY ON US...
WE'RE GONNA NEED SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR TOMORROW'S EDITION! I WANT AN ENTIRE SECTION DEVOTED TO THIS!
ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SOMETHING THAT MIGHT FIT THE BILL...

KILLER
EXCLUSIVE STORY
BY EDDIE BROCK
"I SAW YOUR STORY IN THE GLOBE, MR. BROCK.
"I MUST SAY, YOU WERE SENSITIVE TO MY PLIGHT.
"IF ONLY ALL NEWSMEN WERE AS FAIR AS YOURSELF."
HMMMPH! I'LL TAKE A COPY OF THE BUGLE.
AIN'T YOU JONAH JAMESON? BETTER DO SOMETHIN' QUICK, YOU'RE ABOUT THE ONLY ONE BUYIN' THIS RAG ANYMORE.
"I'M AFRAID THE VOICES HAVE TAKEN NOTICE. THEY ARE QUITE DISPLEASED WITH YOUR COMPETITOR'S MANAGEMENT.

"HIS HATEFUL, LIE-FILLED ATTACKS MUST BE SILENCED BEFORE I CAN COMPLETE MY WORK."
COP KILLED
$10,000 REWARD
DAILY BUGLE
I UNDERSTAND. WE SHOULD MEET SOMEWHERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS...
BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CALL YOU BACK.
I HOPE WE'RE NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING IMPORTANT...
NOPE. JUST A COLLEAGUE DOING SOME FACT-CHECKING. THAT'S ACTUALLY HALF OF OUR JOB HERE IN--
DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?
I SEE. I'M GOING TO NEED EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON HIM. AND I'M GOING TO NEED A NAME.
I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL, DETECTIVE, BUT...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT.

MR. BROCK'S ARREST WAS NOT ONLY UNNECESSARY, BUT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
MY CLIENT IS NOT AN ACCESSORY TO MURDER, BUT A REPORTER DOING HIS JOB UNDER HIS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.
DOES YOUR CLIENT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE SIN-EATER?
WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THAT AT THIS TIME.
ANY INFORMATION I WISH TO DIVULGE WILL BE REVEALED THROUGH MY COLUMN IN THE GLOBE. THANK YOU.
THAT'S IT. NO MORE QUESTIONS.
IF YOU KNOW WHO HE IS, YOU COULD BE IN REAL TROUBLE, BROCK. I CAN DRAG THE CASE OUT FOR A WHILE, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN GET YOU OFF.
A LONG TRIAL ISN'T GOING TO HURT CIRCULATION, DONALD.
BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO KEEP YOU OUT OF JAIL, EITHER...
GOOD. JAIL WILL GIVE ME TIME TO WRITE MY BOOK.

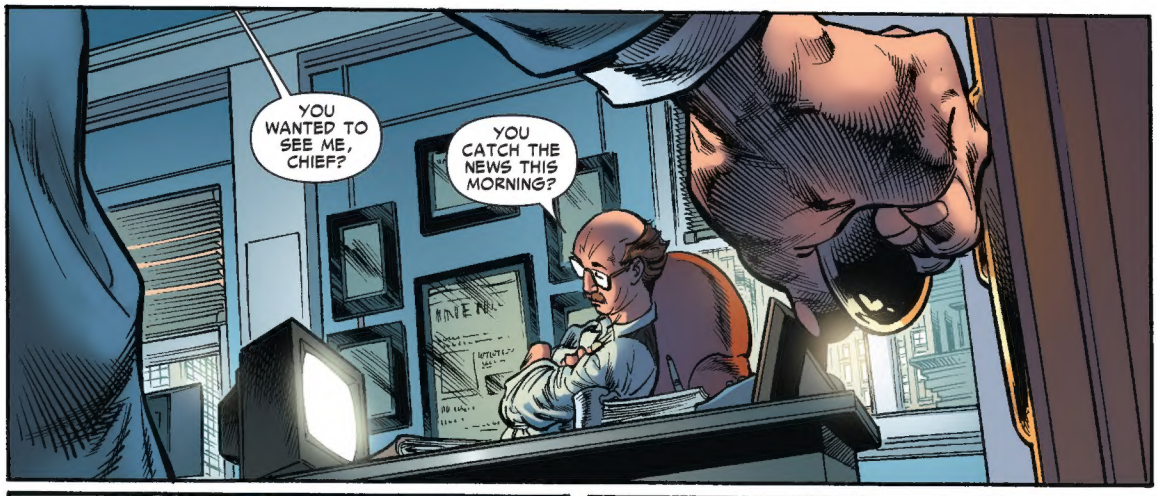
WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO, SON?

I CAN TELL WHEN YOU'RE LYING, EDDIE. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHO HE IS.

D-DAD? D-DIDN'T YOU SEE ME ON T.V.? I'M PROTECTING MY SOURCE...
LIKE WATERGATE...

YOU'RE NOT PROTECTING AN INFORMANT, EDDIE. YOU'RE PROTECTING A MURDERER.
HE...HE'S A GUY WHO NEEDS HIS STORY TOLD. PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHY HE'S ANGRY. THEY NEED TO BE TOLD WHY HE'S IMPORTANT!
YOU THINK HIS STORY'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE VICTIM'S?
THAT'S WHERE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY LIES. 'LEAST HOW I SEE IT.
YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
YOU ABUSED YOUR POWER.
I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, SON.
B-BUT, DAD...

SIN-EATER REVEALE
WORLD EXCLUSIV
BY EDDIE BROC
HEY THERE, BROCK! CAUGHT THE STORY THIS MORNING. FINALLY DECIDED TO GIVE UP YOUR SOURCE, EH?
IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
WELL, IT WAS GOOD TIMING. I THINK EVERYONE IN NEW YORK BOUGHT THE GLOBE TODAY.
YEAH, WELL I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN SOME CALLS. TALK OF MOVIE DEALS AND--
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT. THE E.I.C. WANTS TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE.
SOUNDS IMPORTANT. PROBABLY ABOUT A PROMOTION OR SOMETHING.
OH...OKAY. THANKS.
GOOD LUCK!


YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, CHIEF?
YOU CATCH THE NEWS THIS MORNING?

IT'S YOUR SOURCE, EMIL GREGG. HE WAS APPREHENDED TRYING TO ASSASSINATE J. JONAH JAMESON EARLY THIS MORNING...

I'LL GO DOWN TO THE COURTHOUSE. HE'LL ONLY TALK TO ME--
SHUT UP, EDDIE. LET ME SHOW YOU SOMEONE ELSE. DOES ***THIS*** GUY LOOK FAMILIAR TO YOU?

NO... WHO--
THAT'S DETECTIVE STAN CARTER. HE WORKED WITH JEAN DeWOLFF. SPIDER-MAN JUST BUSTED HIM AN HOUR AGO, TRYING TO BREAK INTO JAMESON'S FLORIDA HOME.

HE'S THE REAL SIN-EATER, EDDIE. YOUR GUY WAS A COPYCAT.

A VIGILANTE MOB WOULD HAVE TORN HIM APART IF IT WASN'T FOR SPIDER-MAN.
NO...
WE'RE RECALLING THIS MORNING'S EDITION. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS GOING TO DO TO THE PAPER? SOMEONE HAS TO GO DOWN FOR THIS.

"CLEAR OUT YOUR DESK, BROCK. YOU'RE FIRED."

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